GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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COSTLY SURGERY FOR HEART AND KIDNEY PATIENTS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for high cost for surgery pertaining to heart and kidney; and

(b) the steps taken by the Government to reduce such high cost and provide treatment to such patients at a reasonable price?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE(SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) & (b): The surgery for heart and kidney is done using high tech equipments and these are super specialty subjects namely Cardio Thoracic Vascular Surgery (CTVS) and Urology.These patients require intensive post operative care which also increases the cost.The facility of treatment for these ailments is available in some medical colleges and premier apex institutions like AIIMS, PGI Chandigarh,SGPGI,Lucknow etc. Treatment for these diseases is either free or highly subsidized in Government institutions.Further assistance for treatment, if required by poor and needy patients is available under the National Illness Assistance Fund.